

Production Assistance (Games)

APPLICATION AND SCHEME GUIDELINES

This document provides the Application and Scheme Guidelines.

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Note: This document comprises three (3) sections:

Section A provides the general application and scheme guidelines for Production Assistance applicable for all sectors, except for Film.

Section B provides the Games sector specific guidelines including eligibility criteria and expected deliverables.

Section C provides the contact information.

Section A: Application and Scheme Guidelines for Production Assistance

1. General

- 1.1 The Production Assistance is open to Singapore-registered companies (excluding sole proprietorships and partnerships) with at least one Media Singapore Standard Industrial Classification (SSIC) code.
- 1.2 IMDA does not provide retrospective funding. Funding claims can only be submitted for expenditures incurred from the commencement date of the project, as indicated in the Letter of Offer.
- 1.3 IMDA's decision is final and no appeal will be entertained.

2. Funding Quantum

- 2.1 IMDA will support up to 40% of the qualifying expenses that are directly linked to the project.
- 2.2 The following items can be considered as qualifying expenses*:
 - Manpower (only basic salary & Employer's CPF contribution) / Talent
 - Professional Fees / Services
 - Hardware / Software
 - Intellectual Property Licensing
 - Equipment Rental
 - Location Rental
 - Master Print / Tapes
 - Legal Fees
 - Art / Set Department
 - Travel & Accommodation Costs
 - Ground Transport
 - Project Financing (e.g. insurance, completion bond, bank charges etc.)
- 2.3 The IMDA funding amount is capped at 20 times the applicant's paid-up capital, for grants of S\$50,000 and above.

** These costs must be directly linked to the project and contribute significantly to Singapore. Applicant's fixed overheads / recurring expenses does not qualify.*

3. Application

- 3.1 Applications for Production Assistance can only be made through the Online Grant Management System (OGMS). The OGMS application form is only accessible via an email invitation sent by an IMDA Industry Officer. Any interested party should have an initial discussion with an IMDA Industry Officer regarding its proposed project first. Any interested parties can submit its enquiry via the online feedback form at this [link](#), and an IMDA Industry Officer will follow up with the enquiry.
- 3.2 IMDA will only assess projects for Production Assistance funding once all required information and documentations are submitted by the applicant. Together with complete OGMS application form, applicants must submit the documents, listed in [Table 1](#) below.

Table 1: List of Documents required for Submission

	Document	Details
1	Letter of Undertaking	This form will be sent together with the response form via email. It must be fully completed.
2	Project Proposal	Please refer to paragraph 2.4 of Section B for details. Where applicable, disclosure on related party transactions, please refer to row 4 below for details.
3	(a) Credit Assessment/ Rating Report (b) Project Cash Flow Projections [Required for Project requesting for IMDA Funding above \$300,000]	(a) The applicant is required to procure and submit independent credit assessment/rating report from independent credit risk assessment agencies. The report must be current (prepared within one year from the application) and must indicate that the company has at least sufficient sound financials to meet its normal obligations. (b) The applicant is to provide the projected cash flow projections for the project.
4	Disclosure on Related Party Transactions	If any potential supplier/service provider for the project is a related-party, applicants are reminded to make the appropriate declaration and disclosure to IMDA when submitting the response form. Do note that any related-party transaction incurred by fund recipients, that had not been declared to and approved by IMDA, would not be

		funded. Applicants can refer to this link for the definition of related-party.
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- 3.3 Submitted materials will not be returned.
- 3.4 The funding decision will be made and conveyed to applicants within eight (8) weeks upon IMDA's receipt of completed application form and all supporting documents. The funding decision will be communicated via OGMS.
- 3.5 If a funding application is approved, a Letter of Offer would be issued by IMDA via OGMS. The applicant must accept the offer via OGMS. The Letter of Offer needs to be duly accepted via OGMS, before any milestone claim can be made.

4. Milestone Claims

- 4.1 Fund recipients are to submit milestone claims via OGMS. If the deliverables are in softcopy, fund recipients are to submit them through OGMS; if the deliverables are in hardcopy and require physical delivery, fund recipients are to provide details of the mode and time of delivery in OGMS. IMDA must be ensured that the fund recipient has met the drawdown conditions for each claim and IMDA must be satisfied with the respective deliverables submitted by the fund recipient, before disbursements of any grants. The final drawdown can only be made after IMDA's acceptance of the final deliverables, which includes the final audit report.
- 4.2 For each project under Production Assistance, the fund recipient shall open a separate bank account set up specifically for the project. IMDA funding for the project under Production Assistance must only be used for the Production Assistance project. Disbursement of grants would be made via GIRO. The GIRO Direct Credit Authorisation Form must be completed and submitted to IMDA before the first claim can be made by the fund recipient.
- 4.3 In the event that the fund recipient fails to complete and deliver the Project milestones stated in the Letter of Offer, IMDA shall have no obligation to provide any further funds, and monies provided/disbursed by IMDA to the fund recipient for the project shall be immediately recoverable against the fund recipient upon IMDA's demand.
- 4.4 The fund recipient would be required to submit documents to the Auditors for Final Project Audit. Below are examples of documents that auditors may require (but not restricted to):
 - Employment contracts / Evidence of payment relating to manpower costs (e.g. Pay-slip)
 - Original supplier's invoice
 - Payment documents / Payment vouchers
 - Bank statements

- Timesheet to substantiate manpower cost
- Related-party transactions must be supported with documentation to prove that the prices charged to the project are at competitive market rates.

5. Variations

- 5.1 If any variations are required, such as changes in timelines and deliverables, a request must be made to IMDA and IMDA's approval must be obtained, before making the variations.

6. Others

- 6.1 Fund recipients must maintain full and accurate records with respect to the project. IMDA must have complete access to such records (including complete and proper books and records of income and expenditure concerning the project, including all supporting vouchers, invoices and receipts thereof), as well as the right to inspect all project work. The fund recipient must promptly furnish all data, reports, contracts, documents and other information, if requested by IMDA.
- 6.2 The fund recipient is encouraged to comply with the relevant industry's best practices governing payment to crew members including freelancers, sub-contractors, vendors and all third parties engaged or appointed by the fund recipient, for and in connection with the Project.
- 6.3 The fund recipient is reminded to submit to IMDA all information, reports and documents required by IMDA as detailed in the Letter of Undertaking.

Section B: Games

1. Production Activities Supported

1.1 IMDA will support production activities leading to deliverables which include those listed below:

- Fully Playable game

1.2 Production Assistance focuses on getting maximum credited talent engagement for Singaporeans/PRs, and list of credited roles expected of Singaporeans/PRs includes:

Sector	Credits
Games	Executive Producer / Technical Director / Art Director / Creative Director / Lead Designer / Designer / Story-writer / Lead Artist / Artist / Lead Animator / Animator / Voice Casting / Music / Sound Effects / Lead Programmer / Programmer / Quality Assurance Engineer

2. Other Requirements

2.1 Applicants are required to provide information regarding their project to be featured on the Singapore Game Box Portal.

2.2 The type of game projects IMDA is opened to consider should meet the following conditions:

- (i) Exploiting intellectual property (IP) from the other media sectors e.g. books, television, film
- (ii) Developing a game to complement transmedia production or promote existing audio-visual content
- (iii) Fostering collaboration between local developers
- (iv) Having received commitment from a publisher to publish and market the title

For (i), projects that leverage on existing IP from another part of the media sector will be viewed favourably. For example, an IP that have significant success in a book format may extend into a game to fully exploit its IP value.

For (ii), a game may be developed alongside e.g. TV/Film content in a transmedia format that uses a suite of media platform to engage its viewer can be considered.

For (iii), projects that have elements of local companies coming together to work on a larger project, or developing a suite of game titles between different companies will be favourably considered.

For (iv), projects that have secured interest and commitment from a game publisher will be considered. Games that are self-published on online portals will find it advantageous to have a third-party to help market its game to ensure discovery of the game.

2.3 Projects that have a combination of the items listed above will have a higher chance of success for funding consideration. Each proposal will be assessed on its own merit.

2.4 Submission Requirement

- ACRA business profile dated within 12 months from the date of application submission
- Independent Credit Rating/Assessment Report (prepared within one year of the application) indicating that the organisation (the applicant) has at least sufficient financials to meet normal obligations (mandatory only for Projects requesting for IMDA funding of above S\$300,000).
- Projected Cash Flow for the projects (mandatory only for Projects requesting for IMDA funding of above S\$300,000).
- Completed Letter of Undertaking (template can be found attached in the email invitation to submit funding application, or downloaded from the application form on OGMS)
- (only applicable to funding applications that plans to transact with related-parties for the project) The completed Related-Party Transactions (RPTs) Disclosure Form
- Proposal must include:
 - Section 1 – Executive Summary
 - Project title and Executive summary
 - Game Concept (Highlighting Unique Selling Points)
 - Key game-play features
 - Format / platform of game
 - Target audience
 - Sample artwork / Sample game-play
 - Section 2 – Profile of project team (including track record, relevant experience and credited roles for Singaporeans/PRs)
 - Section 3
 - Detailed project budget (Costs must be properly qualified and with the expenditure in Singapore highlighted)
 - Detailed project financing plan (State the other funding sources secured)

- Section 4
 - Detailed project timeline

- Section 5
 - Proposed distribution platforms
 - Detailed commercialisation and marketing plans (Including Revenue Projection)

- Section 6
 - Key Performance Indicators
 - Past projects funded by IMDA (if any, to include project name, year of project and funding amount)
 - Letter of Interest/Commitment or supporting agreements from publishers, distributors, investors or project partners (where applicable)

2.5 Assessment Criteria

- Track record of applicant (Singaporean/PR) & team
- Track record of game development team and use of local talent
- Ability to secure publishers
- Demonstrate ability to extend international or regional reach of content

Section C: Contact Information

If you have any enquiries on IMDA Grant Schemes,
please submit your enquiry via the online feedback form at
<https://www.imda.gov.sg/feedback>